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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

This is a response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed 06/04/2002 (Paper No. 3) requesting an election among inventions. Applicant provisionally elects with traverse species identified as Group I, claims 1-15, 25-38 and 49-52. Further, within claims 6 and 30, the species collagen is provisionally elected with traverse, and, within claims 9, 23, 33 and 47, the species polyglycolic acid is provisionally elected with traverse. The applicant understands that claims 16-24, 39-48 53 and 54 along with the unelected species in claims 6, 30, 9, 23, 33 and 47 will be withdrawn until the examination of Group I is completed. The applicant is traversing the election to safeguard the non-elected claims from cancellation by Examiner's amendment once prosecution is completed on the elected claims. M.P.E.P. 821.02.

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